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SUBJECT: EMBASSY MUSCAT EAC - 05/11/2005

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Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission William R. Stewart.  
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Summary  
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1. (SBU) The Ambassador chaired a meeting of the Emergency Action Committee (EAC) on May 11 to review the Embassy's security posture prior to the local weekend. Members noted no substantive changes in the local security environment since the last meeting. Accordingly, the EAC agreed that the Embassy's already heightened security posture and FPCON remain appropriate. End Summary.

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Security Environment  
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2. (SBU) On May 11, the Ambassador chaired a meeting of the EAC to review the Embassy's security posture prior to the local weekend. The meeting opened with a discussion of the local security situation, which the EAC continued to characterize as stable. Likewise, the EAC noted no/no new threat reporting specific to Oman.

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Emergency Preparedness  
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3. (SBU) In conjunction with the EAC's ongoing dialogue on avenues to sustain the Embassy's security posture, RSO reviewed the mission-wide drills conducted over the past year. Based on the chronology, the EAC agreed on the necessity of an unannounced "duck and cover" drill prior to the month's end.

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Personal Security  
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4. (SBU) Prior to concluding the meeting, RSO reiterated that members of the EAC must continue reinforcing to both their staffs and family members the need for vigilance regarding all aspects of personal security - to include maintaining a low profile and remaining unpredictable. RSO further re-emphasized the importance of immediately reporting all suspicious activity or security-related incidents to Post One.

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EAC Conclusion  
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5. (S/NF) The EAC concluded that there have been no substantive changes in the local security environment since the last meeting held on May 7 (reftel). Accordingly, members agreed that the Embassy's already heightened security posture and FPCON remain appropriate. Embassy Muscat remains acutely aware of the need to monitor both the regional and local security and threat environments, and is prepared to take the necessary countermeasures should changes to either occur. AMB, DCM, P/E, MGT, RSO, ARSO, RMAS, CONS, PAO, ISO (Duty Officer), DAO, OMC (USDR), and ECA (USCENTAF) participated in the meeting.  
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